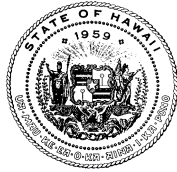


GM531

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse, O'ahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTINE PARK, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.
Report Title:	Mental Health & Substance Abuse, O'ahu Service Area Board
Current Referral:	CPH



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0531
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTINE PARK,
for a term to expire 6-30-23.**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date and Time: Friday, March 29, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Room: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
3 of Christine Park to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board
4 (OSAB). Ms. Park fills the community member or non-provider of mental health services
5 segment of the board, pursuant to Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 Ms. Park is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in Counselor Education and
7 Supervision at Walden University. Her doctoral specialization includes Leadership & Program
8 Evaluation and Forensic Mental Health Counseling. Her educational background includes both
9 a bachelor's degree in Special Education and a master's degree in Counseling Psychology.

10 Ms. Park is interested in advancing mental health services for the disadvantaged,
11 underserved, and marginalized populations. She is dedicated to providing services to
12 individuals with mental health needs. Her experiences and expertise will be an asset to OSAB
13 deliberations.

14 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
15 Ms. Park to the OSAB.

16 **Offered Amendments:** None.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee,

GM 531

Mahalo for hearing the nomination of Christine Park to the Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. I support this nomination. Christine is articulate, personable and organized. Her understanding of the importance of community engagement will be valuable to the work of this board for improving access to care in Hawai'i.

Cindi Dang, Psy.D.

From: [Stephanie M. Kramer](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Submit Testimony re: Ms. Christine Park
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 5:58:59 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am honored and pleased to submit this testimony for my esteemed colleague Ms. Christine Park.

I had the pleasure of working with this client centered student advocate, when we both were young behavioral health specialists on the windward side of Oah'u.

Christine embodies a counselor with passion for student success. She is a role-model for ethical, thoughtful decision making and purposefully instills this process in her students. I remember her sailing through the diverse cultural competencies that were necessary with our windward side population. Many of our students and families came from impoverished socio-economic backgrounds and had not yet experienced positive growth on a school campus. I have seen students and families change the way they work in the school environment due to her intervention. Christine's skill set combines the delicate integration of a variety of social and cultural competencies that allows her to connect on a personal and professional level with students, families and colleagues alike.

Simultaneously Christine has a knack for allowing students the ability to recognize their own strengths. As well as identify areas where they can apply those strengths.

Christine's approach is authentic heartfelt and caring therefore rapport is easy to build. Any organization would be hard-pressed to find an equally educated professional that can match Ms.Parks integrity, skill and heart.

Best,
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GM-530

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 8:07:03 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dayna Miyasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

March 27, 2019

Testimony to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

This testimony is in SUPPORT of the nomination of Christine Park to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

I have had the honor of knowing and working with Christine Park for close to 10 years. As co-trainers of an evidence based practice called motivational interviewing, we work together to train professionals working with at-risk youth. When we began this endeavor, Ms. Park was a School Based Behavioral Health Specialist and I was the Program Coordinator for a specialty court called Girls Court. We both worked with teens who had mental health and substance abuse issues and wanted to advance the use of motivational interviewing in Hawaii. From the beginning, it was clear that Ms. Park's passion for working with this population was the driving force in providing this training. (This same passion is the motivating force behind her extensive list of accomplishments.) Ms. Park understands that if we could all speak the same language of motivational interviewing, we could provide an approach across service providers that has been proven to effect individual change. In addition to comprehending the complex individual and family dynamics that influence mental health and substance abuse issues, she also understands that there are larger, sometimes even more complex, systemic issues that factor in as well. It is this comprehensive knowledge, backed by experience that will be a great asset to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna Miyasaki

GM-530

Submitted on: 3/28/2019 12:01:14 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kerri kahapea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

March 27, 2019

Re: GM 530

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate,

I am in support and recommend Christine Park to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board. Christine has extensive experience working in the field of mental health and substance abuse. Christine is hardworking, professional, and strives to make the world a better place for the people and the children of Hawaii. Christine's values and commitment are seen through her work and her willingness to "go beyond" such as pursuing her doctoral degree, dedicating herself to the clients she works with, and being an agent of social change. Christine is nurturing, understanding, and trustworthy. Christine Park is an asset to the State of Hawaii and I hope that she will be able to expand her dedication and knowledge to serving on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

Sincerely,

Kerri Kahapea, LCSW

